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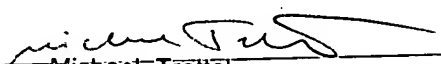
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The reply filed on August 30, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The amendment to the claims has not been made according to 37 CFR 1.121. In particular, the proper markings used to indicated both entries, deletions, and changes to the language of the claims has not been used as summarized in the following passage from MPEP 714:

All claims being currently amended must be presented with markings to indicate the changes that have been made relative to the immediate prior version. The changes in any amended claim must be shown by strike-through (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter) with 2 exceptions: (1) for deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters, double brackets may be used (e.g., [[error]]); (2) if strike-through cannot be easily perceived (e.g., deletion of number "4" or certain punctuation marks), double brackets must be used (e.g., [[4]]). As an alternative to using double brackets, however, extra portions of text may be included before and after text being deleted, all in strike-through, followed by including and underlining the extra text with the desired change (e.g., _____ number 4 as number 14 as). An accompanying clean version is not required and should not be presented. Only claims of the status "currently amended" or "withdrawn" will include markings.

The applicant should consult both MPEP 714 and 37 CFR 1.121 for the proper procedure to file an amendment to the claims, and then remail the amendment using the procedure noted above. This new procedure is necessitated because of the change to the Image File Wrapper format and can not normally be waived.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).


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